

CURRENT COMMENT.

Gov. THURCK, of New Mexico, charges the government with imposing on citizens in land claim cases.

The latest news from Venezuela shows that the rebels under Gen. Crespo are steadily gaining strength.

TRUTH in the matter of the direct tax refused to the state of Louisiana, by the general government is being proved by the researches made by state officials.

A postal card was recently sold in Paris for \$50. It had gone around the world after the person to whom it was addressed, and bore seventy-two post marks.

It is a remarkable fact that Massachusetts has chosen but one soldier of the war of the rebellion to be her governor, and that he was the candidate for nomination to that office in both parties successively.

The strike at the Deaneville (Ill.) coal mine was settled by the company changing all the old drivers who were charging an advance of 25 cents a day and hiring new drivers who were paid 50 cents advance over the old rates.

A PORTABLE saw mill is not an uncommon object in Spanish shops, and it is still in current use in Spain. At Havana no less than three different kinds are offered for sale, at prices varying from 9 to 17 cents.

The American Fire Insurance Lloyd has just been organized by Messrs. Beecher, Schenck & Co., of New York. One hundred business men of the United States have made individual deposits of \$5,000, creating an initial fund of \$500,000.

THIRTY thousand two hundred and six persons ascended the Washington monument during the eight busiest days of the G. A. R. campaign. Of this number 5,640 were lifted to the top in the elevator and 21,566 walked up the stairway.

The electric light not only flourishes at Kobe, Japan, but the company working it pays dividends. The company held its ordinary general meeting for the first half of the year on July 14. The profit of the period amounted to 7,609,492 yen, besides 414,000 yen paid forward from the previous period. A dividend of 10 per cent. was declared.

D. C. T. R. L. A. Finlander, who was in Finland at the time of the Sainio poisoning her husband, says that the frightful sentence passed upon the woman is merely a matter of tradition, and that she will not be beheaded, but imprisoned for life. He asserts that no crime has been punished by execution in Finland since that country separated from Sweden.

HONORABLE SMITH, counsel for the plaintiffs in the recent Hall recovery case at Indianapolis, Ind., made a sensational statement. He said that Somerby drew a check for \$85,000 which was given to the plaintiffs if they would withdraw the suit, and that he started out with a bold dash to pay all the certificates of his friends, but was stopped by his own attorneys.

MRS. BOURNEM, whom the Grand Duke Nicholas married at Toul, was Duke's wife, it is stated, as was her first husband, who, however, became one of the most extensive merchants in Russia. The grand duke is to be known hereafter simply as Prince Nicholas Romanoff, having renounced his title to grand duke and sundry other empty honors in order to contract the marriage.

An elevator is being constructed at the house of commons in order that lady visitors may have the trouble and inconvenience of having to ascend the eight flights of steps which lead to the ladies gallery. This improvement, of which the need was pointed out years and years ago, will be found a great boon by elderly ladies, who have always found the stairs very trying.

THOMAS EDWARD VON HOIST, whose "Constitutional History of the United States" has made him almost as well known among students in this country as in Germany, where his reputation as a historian is very high, has arrived in Chicago, to begin his duties at the new university there. He has just completed the last volume of his great work, which was begun in 1873. It is pleasant to learn that the professor's wife is an American girl, a graduate of Vassar, and that English has long been the language of his family circle.

The making of music has always been a more or less profitable occupation, but it has never before been known to take the exact direction it has taken in the case of a Parisian, who states that he is an "imitator for nightingales for gardens and restaurants." This enterprising gentleman is in great request at garden parties, the collection of the flower pots, oleander tubs or other shrubbery and entertaining the company with imitations of the most melodious of feathered songsters.

E. L. GORDON, M. E. Palmer and Rev. I. T. Thompson, a committee representing the managers of the unfortunate ship Normannia, appeared at the court of the Hamburg-American Packet Co. at New York and presented Capt. Heibich, of the Normannia, a handsomely engraved set of resolutions and a gold watch as a token of their appreciation of his able management of the steamer during his many days of successful sailing while in quarantine. E. Moser, first officer, also received a gold watch from the passengers for his attention to them and his earnest devotion to duty.

An interesting relic of the old days in California, the days before the "bear flag" was raised and the Argonauts came to swarm into the land, is the little frame house near Agua Caliente, occupied nearly half a century ago by Gen. and Mrs. Lieut. Hooker. Hooker purchased from Gen. Vallejo a township of land and on a high knoll sheltered by oak trees built the house, which is still standing. A correspondent visited the cottage recently and found in the attic many souvenirs of the general's stay there, among them a saddle and some pistols, but most prized of all a table on which Hooker used to play chess with the young officers of the division.

A VERY woman is Mrs. Emma Green, of South Norwalk, Conn. She runs a small farm, keeps a horse and cow, raises butter for market, cares for her five children, does her own housework and also teaches a school of seven or eight children five days in the week.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned By Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

JUNIOR HARRISON, of California, and Charles Lewis, of New York, were married recently at Ophir, Ore.

RAY STATE democrats have nominated Gov. Russell, with J. F. Carroll, of Springfield, for lieutenant-governor. Opponents of the democratic and republican campaigns in Indiana declare that the greatest lethargy exists throughout the state. This is observable in many other places, notable speakers failing to attract any audience.

DR. GARDNER says the illness of Mrs. Harrison is without hope. The secretary of state has been informed of the enactment of a new tariff bill by the congress of Hawaii, which took effect August 1st.

J. T. STALLINGS, of Butler county, was nominated as a candidate for congress by the democratic convention of the First district of Alabama on 1,065 votes.

NEW YORK capitalists at Syracuse named part of a state ticket and framed a platform.

CHARLES F. POTTER, United States marshal in charge of the Missouri river improvements, died at Omaha, Neb. "GIBSON BAXTER," an offshoot of the third party, are being organized with the avowed purpose of purifying politics.

SENIOR ROMERO will return to Washington as Mexican minister, his recall by President Diaz having been only temporary.

STEWART KILLIP has been elected lord mayor of London, the fact of his being a Roman Catholic raised a small opposition.

EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND arrived at New York on the 30th for the purpose of consultation with the leaders of the democratic party.

GEN. CARL MILLER, the last surviving German officer who took part in the battle of Waterloo, died recently in Hanover. He was 99 years old.

The municipal elections of Berlin have resulted in complete triumph of the social democrats.

Social democrats of London have gained a victory over the government and compelled recognition of their right to hold public meetings in Trafalgar square.

LIBERATION, the socialist attending the local congress at Marseilles, has been conducted to the Swiss frontier and expelled from France.

FATHER MARTIN, a Spaniard, was elected the new general of the Jesuits. JOSEPH BENNETT, the eminent philosopher, died at Paris on the 23d.

JOHN H. HICK, mayor of the city of the national democratic committee, is seriously ill with pneumonia at Indianapolis, Ind.

The president has appointed Orlando Baker, of Iowa, chief of the consular office at Copenhagen, now awaiting trial for perjury. The president also appointed John H. Drake, of Aberdeen, S. D., consul at Kiel, Germany, to succeed Edmund Johnson, removed for alleged irregularities in his official conduct.

MISCELLANEOUS. A LOCOMOTIVE exploded at Platt's mines, near Birmingham, Ala., killing Engineer John Elmore, and seriously wounding Ben Garner, Sam Estes, W. R. Lambert and a brakeman.

The second trial of M. M. Curtis, the actor, charged with the murder of Policeman Alex. Grant at San Francisco, was being peremptorily set for November 14.

Extensive fires are reported on the Cherokee strip.

The residence of Samuel Atkinson at Le Long, Kan., was struck by lightning with awful effect. The man, his wife and two children were all killed.

SEVEN men were killed by an explosion of nitro-glycerine near Lima, O. The lost building was by fire.

AN actor, who was engaged to appear at the Grand Falls, Mont., theatre, was a workman, fell into a pot of molten metal and died in great agony.

The steamship Waterbury was burned at Shirley, Oud, near Boston. The fire was caused by a boiler exploding, and the water and heat killed the crew.

A MURDERED woman, mutilated in Jack the Ripper style, has been found at Charlottenburg, near Berlin.

KELLEN & GUNN's retail store at Mount Carmel, Tex., was blown up by a spark from a cigarette falling in a barrel of powder. A boy was badly hurt.

SIXTY members of nobility and other social persons at London were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from two to eight years for conducting a fraudulent literary bureau.

An eight-year-old child of William A. Bole was burned to death in a brush pile fire near Illinois, Ill.

The car works at Lima, O., have been destroyed by fire.

MEDICAL authorities declare that the danger of a cholera epidemic in Belgium is over.

THERE were reasons to believe that the six persons found dead at the house burned after a thunderstorm near Wellsville, Kan., were not killed by lightning as reported, but were murdered and their bodies cremated.

THREE telegraph operators on strike have been arrested at Cedar Rapids, Ia., for tampering with the wires.

MASCOY passed a mile at Terre Haute, Ind., in 2:04—Nancy Hank's trotting time.

MATTHEW WILKES trotted a mile in 2:04 at Evansville, Ind.

It is officially announced that cholera is present in Odesa.

The boiler of a locomotive exploded near Summit, Pa., and Lewis Wise and Charles Flynn, engineer and fireman, were literally blown to pieces.

FIRE in the Nickel Plate freight yards at Chicago destroyed forty car loads of merchandise, causing a loss estimated at \$100,000.

CLEARING HOUSE returns for the week ended September 30 showed an average decrease of 18.9 compared with the corresponding week of last year. In New York the decrease was 27.

THE badly decomposed body of O. I. Prescott, a prominent democrat and politician and contractor, was found in his room at the Revere house at Denver, Col., and had been dead for a week.

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COLLISION AT CINCINNATI.

Loss of Life Through Criminal Carelessness.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 5.—A street car on the Fairmount line was struck by a train on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern railroad, with the result that two persons were killed, five terribly wounded and twenty-five passengers badly shaken up.

The watchman at the crossing is blamed. He permitted the car to attempt to cross the track. As it was, the freight car struck only the rear platform of the street car, on which were seven persons.

It severed the end of the car off as smoothly as though done with a razor. Two of the seven on the platform were killed, one, and perhaps two, fatally injured, and all the others were dangerously hurt.

The dead are: John Fries, 22 residence Queen City avenue, thrown under railroad cars and cut in two.

John Murray, pension agent at No. 163 West Court street, crushed chest and spine, died at St. Vincent hospital.

Dangerously injured are: Barney Fitzpatrick, back and spine injured.

William Howard Johnson, of Fairmount, skull fractured, right leg broken, probably fatal.

Joseph Denhart, a 15-year-old boy, left leg crushed, very serious.

The slightly injured are: Jacob Hermann, right hand and leg injured, slightly.

Jacob Spingel, a boy 13 years old, right hand and right side cut slightly. No other passengers were hurt other than by fright.

NO MORE TROUBLE. Choctaw Lay Down Their Arms and Agree to Keep the Peace.

TULSA, Okla., Oct. 5.—Everything is quiet here now. All parties have laid down their arms, and agreed to keep the peace. The British troops were released and those who desired to go home had their arms returned to them. Agent Bennett visited the camp where the fifty natives were reported to be last night. He had no trouble in getting them to lay down their arms, and they agreed to the agreement to disband and had already left. Bennett says he will remain here with the soldiers for several weeks in order to prevent the possibility of a new trouble.

Both houses of the council completed their organization yesterday and will proceed to canvass the votes today. There are still a great many Indians here, but white faces are scarce and the only money seen is the Indian's.

ANOTHER mile to be started in Germany to grind Indian corn.

Tony Spongetti, an Italian mining boss, was blown up by exploding dynamite at the mine near Pittsburg, Pa. The Baptist church at Deadwood, S. D., was burned recently. During the fire a physician and a fireman had a fight and the physician got the worst of it, when he drew a revolver and shot the fireman dead.

JAMES GOMES and J. A. Loomis, aeronauts, fell from their balloons as they crossed a tree and received fatal injuries.

A MINE riot was reported at Moctima, Mexico. The soldiers fired on the mob and killed one man.

NEAR Hamburg the steamers Bay and Daisy collided. The latter vessel sank and three men lost their lives.

A FUGITIVE train in Lavena, Tex., did great damage to boats.

WALTER WILSON, the correspondent of a scurrilous newspaper, who was making some slanderous reports of the highly esteemed ladies of Water Valley, Miss., was taken out by citizens and tarred and feathered.

The British steamer Twickenham lies at the breakwater near Lewes, Del., in collision with the tugboat Yapha, which was killed.

AN effort will be made to organize a general central association on the ruins of the old organizations.

JOHN C. CAMP, who is reported to have stolen out of Detroit, Mich., jewelry out of \$5,000 by means of "washed" diamonds, was arrested while trying the same game at Chicago.

J. W. WICKES, the New York millionaire, who fell from a Detroit house of 111 feet and was killed, it is now said, was murdered for purposes of robbery.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES. FOX ROBERT J. LEXCOCK, minister to Great Britain, will return home on a short visit.

The engineers of west Scotland have been advised that the coal fields will be reduced to 10 per cent.

PHYSICIANS have struck on the Tribune at Deadwood, S. D.

The trouble on the Des Moines North & Western railway was settled by President Hebbel deciding to take the discharged engineers back to their old positions.

RECIPROCITY HITCH.

Germany Said to Have Offered a Hint to Have the Reciprocity Treaty With San Domingo Annulled.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—A curious story about the United States and reciprocity was put in circulation in this city yesterday. The governments of Great Britain, Germany and Italy, so the story ran, had observed with a burning jealousy the great business of the United States.

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STRICKEN HAMBURG.

Graphic Account of the Terrible Cholera in That City Given by a Physician—Horrible Condition of Affairs.

LONDON, Sept. 30.—The following extracts from letters written by Dr. Hultman, a volunteer from Vienna serving in two cholera wards in Hamburg, to relatives graphically describes the horrible condition of affairs in that city. There is a great scarcity of physicians and attendants here. One of my attendants hanged himself behind the door the other day. I have now a young clergyman and members of the Young Men's union as attendants. They accomplish their duties admirably. You cannot imagine the terrible odor in the wards. The moaning of the sufferers is dreadful. About one-half of them die within a few hours. There are about 3,000 dying daily, but the papers contradict it. I am dreadfully tired. At the mortuary the corpses are piled on each other in layers of six. Do not write me. I will advise. Every day I am killed here. Shirts are worse than mud.

September 2 the doctor wrote: "Am still well. Cases are now more numerous and more frequent. Terror reigns here. My clergyman is a fine fellow, being at his post night and day. I am always on foot eighteen hours and then sleep when I can, like a rat, in an anteroom of the ward. It is impossible to stand this long. Every day death fills the wards and every time my beds are filled again."

In a letter after recording his release from quarantine, and the refusal of various hotels to admit him, the doctor says he had corpses in his ward from eight to eleven before he was released. He thinks terror killed many before their time. "I am perfectly knocked out," he says, "and have almost forgotten what it is to be healthy."

In describing the apathy shown by a comrade since he left the hospital, the doctor declares that he was himself in a similar state of mind. He says: "All objects around me are completely lost. I have no feeling for the things I see. I would not have hesitated a moment if I had had life to give \$100,000 to save a man's life. Nobody is able to conceive of such feelings unless he has been placed in a similar position."

The official cholera statistics from Hamburg continue to show a decrease in the new cases and deaths. Yesterday, according to these reports, there were 44 new cases and 16 deaths. Compared with the figures of the previous day, this shows a falling off of 5 cases and 14 deaths. These figures do not agree with those obtained by newspaper correspondents, who state that yesterday there were 121 new cases and 121 deaths.

Twenty-five new cases of cholera were reported in St. Petersburg yesterday, an increase of seventeen cases compared with Tuesday's figures. There were seven deaths against two on Tuesday.

BRITISH LABOR. Stagnation in Shipbuilding and Cotton Manufacturing Wased to be Reduced to the Lowest Point.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—The labor outlook in the large manufacturing and shipbuilding centers of Great Britain is very gloomy. A crisis is probable in the cotton trade that promises to have more widespread results than any of the previous troubles that have occurred between the masters and operatives and in the shipbuilding trade of the Clyde only one or two orders are on hand. It is said that 15,000 hands who were employed in various capacities about the yards are idle, and that the same number are waiting for short time. To make matters worse for the employers, the masters have now decided to make a general reduction in wages and have announced that engineers, ironfounders and shipbuilders will have a reduction of 10 per cent. less money for their labor than heretofore. This reduction was to take effect on October 1. The Clyde miners have also been notified that their wages will be reduced 10 per cent. per ton and after the 10th of the current month.

ANOTHER BEDBUG MARTYR. The proprietor of a Hotel near the Health Hotel Small Cases.

YACHTING. Y. T. Oct. 4.—Charles Winchester, proprietor of a small hotel in this city, was burned to death by an explosion of gasoline. He was sprinkling gasoline on the floor of a small room in last of the hotel kitchen and the explosive vapor generated in the room pervaded the kitchen, where a gasoline stove was burning.

The gas in the kitchen first took fire and then spread to the usual in the main room. An explosion followed and a few seconds afterward Winchester ran from the hotel into the open air with every particle of his clothing burned away.

The body of the proprietor was actually smoldering. Every particle of his body was burned to a bleeding blister and he endeavored to find relief by jumping into a tub of water and then rolling in the dust. He had inhaled burning gasoline, and early in the evening died.

A SCHEME THAT FAILED. The Dangerous Work of Gaily Farmers Put to Stop.

ORANGE, N. J., Oct. 4.—The bold scheme of several farmers to change the course of the Mississippi river by ditching across the narrows at Belleview, Neb., where the river describes four-fifths of a circle, and thereby cover the city of Omaha, has failed. The result was an injury to the city and a sudden stoppage of the work. Had the ditch been completed 3,000 acres of land would have changed ownership and scores of families living in the city would have been in peril.

The wife of Congressman Springer is a writer of verses, a volume of which has been published. She has sweet, gentle manners, and is noted for her habit of wearing gray gowns that harmonize with her handsome gray hair and dark eyes. It is a fashion that pleases her artistic friends.

The marriage of Helene Boulanger, second daughter of "Le hay general," to Paul Auguste de Saichy, was celebrated in the most quiet manner at the cathedral of Versailles, in contrast to the wedding of her younger sister, who married M. Driant in 1889.

The Presbyterian board of foreign missions has issued a circular letter in regard to the establishment of a home for the children of missionaries. One lady has offered the sum of \$5,000 to the board for the purpose of settling the children of missionaries in the United States.

The new First Baptist church in Portland, Ore., is to cost over \$100,000 and will be by all odds the finest Baptist church office on the Pacific coast.

Mrs. Wallup has been appointed a school teacher in a Kansas town.

ARMY OFFICERS SENTENCED. CHICAGO, Oct. 4.—Second Lieut. Marcus Maxwell, of the Fifteenth Infantry, at Fort Sheridan, and First Lieut. Woodbridge Geary, of the Nineteenth Infantry, at Fort Wayne, Mich., who were recently tried by a court martial, were found guilty of the charges preferred against them. Maxwell was sentenced to be confined within the limits of the reservation at Fort Sheridan for six months and reprimanded by Gen. Miles. Geary's sentence was that he be confined within the limits of the reservation at Fort Wayne for three months and be reprimanded.

CHARGE COMING HOME. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 30.—A statement in one of the evening papers that Andrew Carnegie is on his way to this country for the purpose of settling the trouble at Homestead between the Carnegie company and the men caused considerable talk in labor circles here.

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A DARK MYSTERY.

The Reported Killing of the Atkinson Family by Lightning May Yet Prove to Have Been a Murder.

WELLSVILLE, Kan., Sept. 30.—The tragical fate of the Atkinson family has cast a pall over this township that has never before been equalled. In the minds of many the lapse of hours but develops greater mystery and a strong desire that the most searching investigation shall follow.

Between 10:30 and 4 a. m. Wednesday morning, during a slight thunder shower, Mr. S. G. Wilkerson—living a quarter of a mile north of Mr. Atkinson—while reaching for a cup of water beside his bed, discovered the blazing building